GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1993
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003
AMENDMENTS TO WILDLIFE (PROTECTION) ACT, 1972
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments are provided financial assistance for purchase of weapons and communication devices under various centrally sponsored schemes to tackle poaching;

(b) if so, the assistance provided during the last three years, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) whether the Government has decided to amend the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to make it more effective to combat poaching; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The required details of the financial assistance provided during last three years are at Annexure.

(c) The Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972 has already been amended vide the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act 2002 making it more effective to combat poaching.

(d) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 1993 FOR REPLY ON 15.12.2003 ON `AMENDMENTS TO WILDLIFE (PROTECTION) ACT 1972`

Details of funds released to States for purchase of weapons and communication devices under various centrally sponsored schemes during last three years #

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of State	Dev. of NP/WLS			Project Tiger			Project Elephant			Forest Protection		
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Andhra Pradesh	24.00	4.50	1.50	6.00	-	-	5.60	6.25	3.40	10.20	23.0	-
Arunachal	52.875	87.575	6.13	1.50	12.77	-	38.90	29.50	1.00	5.35	5.40	8.25
Assam	97.48	16.94	21.90	1.70	-	0.95	-	-	-	2.25	1.95	-
Bihar	-	3.5	-	-	-	6.00	-	-	-	4.20	-	-
Chhattisgarh	-	-	15.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.40	34.90	-
Goa	3.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.00	6.32	3.57
Gujarat	13.20	3.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00	31.00	9.60
Haryana	9.00	-	2.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.92	15.51	7.60
Himachal	-	15.35	4.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.20	21.00	5.00
Jammu & Kashmir	-	10.15	12.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.30	10.60	-
Jharkhand	-	-	4.50	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	6.85	20.75	-
Karnataka	-	-	5.00	5.50	-	2.95	-	-	-	6.00	16.00	-
Kerala	3.00	6.25	36.20	-	-	2.00	4.60	4.45	4.80	9.35	12.35	7.00
Madhya Pradesh	23.90	28.70	35.35	15.05	21.30	17.40	-	-	-	10.60	60.00	22.62
Maharashtra	5.59	29.273	12.83	3.00	24.90	22.40	-	-	-	7.40	-	3.20
Manipur	4.50	-	4.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.23	5.10	-
Meghalya	11.75	3.00	1.50	-	-	-	-	3.50	-	15.54	13.30	-
Mizoram	31.80	16.10	10.00	-	4.61	2.00	-	-	-	3.95	12.90	9.20
Nagaland	5.00	-	12.60	-	-	-	-	1.50	-	-	2.80	4.00
Orissa	-	16.40	21.38	9.65	27.40	1.50	2.00	12.00	12.25	1.00	27.50	6.00
Punjab	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.30	-
Rajashthan	6.50	15.85	25.90	10.00	7.50	11.50	-	-	-	5.00	5.00	10.00
Sikkim	5.60	10.00	9.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.00	5.95	-
Tamil Nadu	6.50	7.60	5.50	3.00	-	1.00	-	2.50	10.00	-	22.50	8.00
Tripura	-	10.00	1.00	3.30	-	-	-	-	-	3.30	23.60	18.50

Uttar Pradesh	9.80	14.05	0.35	4.00	1.50	3.00	-	-	-	1.40	15.50	-
Uttaranchal	-	15.50	12.75	8.54	10.50	4.50	3.35	4.75	20.25	17.40	8.00	-
West Bengal	8.10	25.30	5.80	2.00	1.80	23.50	5.50	1.20	-	9.40	20.50	6.00
A & Nicobar		31.00	15.20	28.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D & N Haveli	-	4.31	7.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	352.79	359.14	283.74	73.24	112.28	99.70	59.95	65.65	51.70	148.24	434.73	128.54

: For the year 2002-03 the information is as on January 2003.
NP : National Park.
WLS : Wildlife Sanctuary.